

Community Services Database

The community groups listed here are divided into categories for organisational purposes only. Some groups provide multiple services, The umbrella groups provide referral services, often for smaller community groups, and have contact with wide range of community group types.

The database is a resource for students who may be in a subject that includes a placement with a community organization or for the staff who wish to make contact with the organization for research purposes. Suggestions for additions or amendments should be made to "The Manager, Student Services Centre, Faculty of Education", or via email ssc@uow.edu.au

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Umbrella Organisations

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Organisation	Barnardos South Coast Children's Family Centre	
Address	13 Greene Street, Warrawong, NSW 2502	
Telephone: 02 4275 8575	Fax: 02 42 4275 8565	
Email	Lsinnott@barnardos.org.au	
Web Address	www.barnardos.com.au	
Contact Person	Lynda Sinnott	
Position	Program Manager – Barnardos Childrens' Community Program & Kids Time	
Type of Service	Out of School hours care (OOSH), and supported playgroups	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>The above programs are volunteer based mentoring services for children aged 5 to 12 years who are socially disadvantaged and isolated, and who also frequently are having difficulties in their school work. Many children may also wish to participate in organised sport but are unable to do so. Volunteers can provide up to 5 hrs/week social/friendship support to a child (Kids Friend), homework assistance up 1.5 hrs/week with a child either 1:1 or in a group situation (Homework Buddy), or can also provide a social support/friendship role whilst facilitating a child's involvement in a sport(Kids in Sport).</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Volunteers would be expected to attend a brief orientation course	
Types of Work	Assisting in homework groups held in Barnardos' after school care centres at Warrawong and Berkeley. If able to provide commitment of at least 1 year, volunteer could also be allocated as an individual volunteer to one child to provide mentoring role in the community.	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost

Organisation	Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre	
Address	Cr Cawley Street & Rothery Road, Bellambi 2518	
Telephone: 02 4285 3055	Fax:	
Email	robat@bnc.yahoo.org.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Robyn Alderton	
Position	Centre Manager	
Type of Service	Neighbourhood Centre	
Brief Statement of Activities	Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre works to achieve a safe, healthy & happy community by empowering people through building their skills and confidence and providing them with appropriate opportunities to participate in their community.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Volunteer Training Management Committee Training	
Types of Work	Breakfast program, youth program, MATES program, community lunch program, community garden, craft group, playgroup, Links To Learning program	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost Nil

Organisation	Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council Aged Care	
Address	PO Box 238 Wollongong, NSW 2500 16 Stewart Street Wollongong NSW 2500	
Telephone: 02 4229 7566	Fax: 02 4226 3146	
Email	admin@iecc.ngo.org.au	
Web Address	www.iecc.org.au	
Contact Person	Anita Mulally	
Position	Community Development Respite Officer	
Type of Service	Neighbourhood Centre	
Brief Statement of Activities	Various Aged Care services – Ethnic Meals on Wheels, Multicultural dementia carer support, multicultural dementia day respite, Ethno specific senior social day cares(Greek, Middle Eastern, Spanish, Baltic States), In Home Social Support, In Home Respite, Community Development projects.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	New staff induction: 3 hours Training as identified	
Types of Work	Project work, activities coordination within day cares, ethnic meals on wheels project work, IECC organisational resource development	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost Nil

Organisation	Mission Australia	
Address	4-10 Campbell Street, Sydney, NSW 2000	
Telephone: 02 9219 2011	Fax: 02 9212 1116	
Email	cormacks@missionaustralia.com.au	
Web Address	www.missionaustralia.com.au	
Contact Person	Sharon Cormack	
Position	Links 2 Learning	
Type of Service	Teaching Young Adults	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>We have challenging volunteer opportunities for people who would like to be a positive role model for disadvantaged youth aged between 12–24. Your role will be to support the Links to Learning facilitators. Teaching will take place in a classroom environment at Mission Australia centers with a maximum of 10 students per class and there are occasional excursions.</p> <p>Where: We operate the program in Campbelltown, Miller, Charlestown, Wollongong, Mt Druitt and Fairfield. You must be able to travel to one of the areas listed above.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	There will be a briefing session.	
Types of Work	We require a minimum commitment of one 4-hour shift per week from each volunteer for a period of 6 to 10 weeks.	
Police (or other) check required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X No	Cost \$36.00

Organisation	Lighthouse Church	
Address	1 Railway Station Square, Wollongong, 2500	
Telephone: 02 4229 9744	Fax: 02 4229 9932	
Email	connect@lighthousechurch.com.au	
Web Address	www.lighthousechurch.com.au	
Contact Person	Michelle Blicavs	
Position	Business Manager	
Type of Service	Church, Children, Youth and Community Services	
Brief Statement of Activities	Apart from Sunday church services we offer varied services to the community for all ages including playgroup, before and after school care, creative arts including art, drama, music, sound and technical, multimedia production, counselling, training courses, social work for young people, general community service through "Street Squad" and children's, teenagers and young adults programs. We also have a coffee shop!	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Training is provided for all of the above. Hours vary depending on program chosen.	
Types of Work	OOSH Centre, Barista, "Street Squad" (odd jobs for community families), Counselling (with supervision), Course facilitation (with supervision), Support Worker within our Youth Housing project	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost

Organisation	Port Kembla Youth Project	
Address	Cnr Church & Wentworth Street, Port Kembla	
Telephone: 02 4276 1229	Fax: 42 76 1229	
Email	pkyp@bigpond.net .au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Matie Brajak	
Position	Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Youth Service	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>A part-time Youth Service Mon–Thurs for young people 11–18yrs living in the southern suburbs of Wollongong. The service provides an information, referral, advocacy and support service for young people and their families, along with a range of programs and activities to meet local needs. Some of the current activities include primary and secondary tutoring programs, special needs programs (targeted to adolescents with disability), young women’s programs, magazine production project, swim programs and employment workshops, to name a few.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	To be incorporated within the placement.	
Types of Work	Group work with young people depending on the program or activity.	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost

Organisation	The Smith Family-Learning for Life	
Address	PO Box 10500, Lake Heights 2502 Cringila Public School, Sheffield Street, Cringila 2502 PO Box 10500, Tarrawanna 2518 Tarrawanna Public School, Kendall Street Tarrawanna 2518	
Telephone: 02 4274 8320	Fax:	
Email	jennifer.reilly@smithfamily.com.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Jennifer Reilly	
Position	Team Leader	
Type of Service	Educational Scholarship Program	
Brief Statement of Activities	Administer scholarships for low-income families to be used for the educational support and needs of students. Offer reading buddy program to local students needing literacy support. Recruit and train mentor readers and supervisors for the program. Facilitate parenting courses as the need arises. Tutor in after school homework centre. Assist in the classroom with Reading and Literacy groups.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Initial training and orientation would be held at our centres or a negotiated convenient venue. Our centres operate between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30 pm, Mon–Fri. with training times flexible.	
Types of Work	The role of Mentor Supervisor for our reading buddy program would involve a few phone calls once or twice a week during Term 2 and 3, calling up to 10 Mentor students to support them in their role reading with their buddies.	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost: The Smith Family pays the fee

Organisation	Unanderra Youth Project	
Address	Cnr Factory Road & Princess Highway Unanderra 2526	
Telephone: 02 4272 2213	Fax: 02 4271 2213	
Email	unanderrayouthproject@yahoo.com.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Tanya Jackson	
Position	Youth worker	
Type of Service	Youth Centre	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>The Unanderra Youth Project is a youth centre based within the Unanderra Community Centre. The Youth Project provides information, support, referral services, and a range of recreational activities for local young people aged 12–18 years. Recreational activities include afternoon activities, drop- in centre, school holiday activities, and drama classes.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Orientation/induction at the centre (approx. 1 hour), then on the job training	
Types of Work	Working with young people by helping to organise and supervise activities	
Police (or other) check required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Cost: Nil

Organisation	Youth Off The Streets	
Address	PO Box 8 Merrylands 2160 74-98 Kenyons Road Merrylands 2160	
Telephone: 02 9721 5726 02 9721 5700	Fax: 02 9721 0695	
Email	sueg@youthoffthestreets.com.au	
Web Address	www.youthoffthestreets.com.au	
Contact Person	Sue Gibbs	
Position	Payroll & HR Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Youth Homeless and special needs	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>We provide crisis care for young people still living on the streets without food van, youth refuge and outreach program as well as running Sydney's only non-medicated detox centre specifically designed for adolescents. Key College, our accredited high school in Surry Hills, provides educational opportunities and support for young people living on the streets. Many of these youth go on to successfully achieve their School Certificate and, in increasing numbers, their Higher School Certificate.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	<p>Half-day orientation Volunteer Assistance Program Student Placement – manager of the house will responsible for the induction and supervision of the student. Prior to the actual placement, a student application form is required to be filled out and a completed police check report before the commencement of the placement</p>	
Types of Work	Depends on volunteer's interest	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost: \$36.00

Organisation	Drug-Arm (Wollongong)	
Address	Office: 96 Carters Lane Fairy Meadow, 2519 Postal: PO Box 206 Fairy Meadow 2519	
Telephone: 02 4285 6422	Fax: 02 4285 6422	
Email	wollongongsos@drugarm.com.au	
Web Address	www.drugarm.com.au	
Contact Person	Amanda Turner	
Position	Wollongong SOS Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Street Outreach	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>DRUG-ARM NSW (Drug Awareness Rehabilitation Management) is a non-government, not-for-profit, Christian-based organisation committed to the promotion of a healthy lifestyle without the use of unnecessary drugs. As our name suggests, DRUG-ARM provides resources to assist awareness of drug issues, and facilities to promote rehabilitation from alcohol and other drug dependencies. We are a specialist agency, aiming to equip people to make positive changes in their lives.</p> <p>The aim of the Street Outreach Service (SOS) is to provide a mobile referral, support and information centre. It is patrolled primarily by volunteers and aims to reach out to young people in our society who are experiencing or likely to face harm associated with being homeless, mental health issues, the criminal justice system and/or the use of alcohol and other drugs. Overall the SOS empowers young people to make their own decisions in relation to their lifestyle issues whilst encouraging young people toward a healthier lifestyle free from unnecessary drugs</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Training is currently in the process of gaining accreditation. Training Approx. 20 hours – 2 Friday evenings and 2 Saturdays	
Types of Work	Street Outreach Service Patrol Office assistance (no training required)	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost: \$20–30 (cost varies as only covers cost of hall hire, tea/coffee/biscuits and printing of materials)

Organisation	Drug-Arm	
Address	Office: 1/14 Court Road Fairfield 2165 Postal: PO Box 1030 Fairfield 1860	
Telephone: 02 4285 6422	Fax: 02 4285 6422	
Email	drugarmnsw@bidpond.com.au	
Web Address	www.drugarm.com.au	
Contact Person	Matthew Geracitano – State Manager Sophia Marinos – SOS Co-ordinator	
Position	Wollongong SOS Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Street Outreach	
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Organisation	Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council Youth and Arts Section	
Address	PO Box 238 Wollongong 16 Stewart Street Wollongong 2500	
Telephone: 02 4285 6422	Fax: 02 4285 6422	
Email	Administration: admin@iecc.org.au Multicultural Youth: terrie@iecc.org.au Multicultural Arts: aanya@iecc.org.au Links 2 Learning Program; michael@iecc.org.au	
Web Address	www.iecc.org.au	
Contact Person	Terrie Leoleos	
Position	Multicultural Youth Officer	
Type of Service	The IECC Multicultural Youth and Arts services provided culturally diverse and innovative programs to cater to the needs of youth, families, aged and culturally diverse communities. Projects deliver various and innovative programs and activities as well as advocacy and referrals services	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>The Multicultural Youth Development Project aims to provide young people & their families, community groups & services in the Illawarra with ongoing support to meet the needs of young people from CALD backgrounds.</p> <p>The Multicultural Arts project promotes and celebrates cultural diversity through the arts. The Multicultural Arts Officer caters for community cultural development amongst the Illawarra's cultural groups. As a group or individual, your artistic style is supported.</p> <p>The Links To Learning program is specifically designed to meet the needs of CALD youth in local high schools. Accredited training, sport and recreational activities & development workshops make this program a unique & innovative program for young people.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	The IECC provides volunteer training and induction training upon commencement.	
Types of Work	Youth Work, Community Work, Art Work, Event Co-ordination, Catering, Group Work, Case Management, Program Development, Youth @ Risk, Tutoring, Social Work, Artists, Drama, Creative Arts	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost: The IECC will cover the cost of police checks and Working with Children Checks.

Organisation	Wollongong City Gallery	
Address	Cnr Burelli Street & Kembla Street, Wollongong 2500	
Telephone: 02 4228 7500	Fax: 02 4226 5530	
Email	gallery@wollongong.nsw.org.au	
Web Address	www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au	
Contact Person	John Monteleone	
Position	Deputy Director	
Type of Service	Art Gallery	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>Volunteers play an essential role in the day-to-day function of the Gallery. Within Wollongong City Gallery there are three different types of volunteer who provide support to staff. They are:</p> <p>Front desk/administrative volunteer: These volunteers attend the desk at reception and welcome visitors, answer phone enquiries, collect the mail, assist with mail outs, set up events, workshop and event bookings.</p> <p>Volunteer Gallery Guides These volunteers work most closely with the Education aspect of the Gallery and their main role is to provide interesting and informed tours of the Gallery's permanent and temporary exhibitions as well as to assist in educational workshops. They can also assist with research and the development of educational resources.</p> <p>Exhibitions and Collections Volunteers These volunteers work most closely with the curatorial staff. As support for these staff their main duty is exhibition installation. Other duties may include: Data entry, Research, care and maintenance of the art collection.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Guides: Specialist Guide training program. All other volunteers: On the job	
Types of Work	Reception, Administration and Functions. Curatorial and exhibition installation. Collection care and maintenance. Education workshops and Guides. Public Programs and mail outs.	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost:

Organisation	Apex Club of Corrimal	
Address	Meet at City Diggers, Burelli Street, Wollongong	
Telephone: 0409 197 963	Fax:	
Email	ben.broadhead@rfdaustr.com.au	
Web Address	www.apex.org.au	
Contact Person	Ben Broadhead	
Position	President	
Type of Service	General Community Service Schemes	
Brief Statement of Activities	Organise and run "Spring into Corrimal" Annual Apex Ball	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Attend meetings each fortnight	
Types of Work	General community service work eg. Manning drink stands at Australia Day celebrations	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No X	Cost:

Organisation	The Cancer Council NSW Southern Region	
Address	1 Lowden Square Wollongong 2500	
Telephone: 02 4225 3660	Fax: 02 4225 1700	
Email	info.southern@nswcc.org.au	
Web Address	www.cancercouncil.com.au/editorial.asp?pageid=1014	
Contact Person	Merewyn Partland	
Position	Manager	
Type of Service	Cancer Charities	
Brief Statement of Activities	The Cancer Council conducts research, provides support and information for patients and their families, runs cancer prevention campaigns and advocates around issues affecting cancer. A large fundraising and volunteer base makes this work possible.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Varies according to volunteer position (1/2 day, day, a few days)	
Types of Work	Health campaign placements Volunteering for fundraising events	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Rotary Club of Wollongong	
Address	PO Box 124 Fairy Meadow 2519	
Telephone: 02 4228 5849	Fax:	
Email	jbell@aapt.net.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	John Bell	
Position	Youth Service	
Type of Service	Each autonomous Rotary Club, whilst conforming to a common constitution and receiving support from Rotary International, formulates its own program. We combine support for local community projects such as landscaping the grounds of the Flametree school, adjacent to International House, with support for a village in the Philippines	
Brief Statement of Activities	Volunteers are given guidance and direction at each activity for which they volunteer.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Varies according to volunteer position (1/2 day, day, a few days)	
Types of Work	varies from project to project, such as serving on our catering trailer to landscape gardening	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	RSPCA	
Address	Montague Street North Wollongong 2500 PO Box 130 Fairy Meadow 2519	
Telephone: 02 4228 9495	Fax: 02 4226 4359	
Email	wollrspca@rspcansw.org.au	
Web Address	www.rspca.org.au This is for RSPCA NSW – not specifically Wollongong	
Contact Person	Judith Wright	
Position	Shelter Manager	
Type of Service	Animal Welfare	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>Duties of Animal Attendant include – cleaning dog and cat cages. Feeding and grooming animals. Washing bedding and food bowls.</p> <p>Work involves a lot of cleaning.</p> <p>The RSPCA shelter's main role is taking in unwanted animals that owners can no longer care for. We assess them and try to rehome as many as possible. We also run an ambulance for injured animals. Our inspectorate investigates cruelty matters. On occasion volunteers may see animals at the shelter which have been neglected. This can be distressing.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Nil – Person is placed with experienced Animal Attendant and supervised closely.	
Types of Work	Animal Attendant	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Conservation Volunteers Australia	
Address	PO Box 5447 Wollongong 2500	
Telephone: 02 4228 9246	Fax: 02 4228 9896	
Email	jbyrne@cva.org.au	
Web Address	www.conservationvolunteers.com.au	
Contact Person	Jen Byrne	
Position	Revive our wetlands project officer	
Type of Service	Natural Areas Restoration	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>Learn more about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saltmarsh wetland & tidal estuary ecology • Native plants, animals & birds of the lagoon including aquatic life, reptiles & the endangered Green & golden Bell Frog • Bush regeneration and revegetation techniques • Urban & industry impacts on coastal wetlands • Wetlan management strategies • What you can do to help <p>Be involved in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental weed eradication • Storm waater clean up • Revegetation • Bird observing and monitoring • Track construction • Native plant propagation • Making a difference to your region 	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	<p>Where to meet: At the parking lot with Wollongong Greenhouse Park. Access is via the eastern side of Springhill Rd, Coniston. Pleas close the gate behind you.</p> <p>When to meet Every week on Mondays & Tuesdays 6:50am- 1:50pm</p> <p>What to bring Sturdy shoes, long sleeved shirt and pants, sun protection, water bottle, morning tea and lunch and most importantly.....enthusiasm.</p>	
Types of Work	Natural Area Restoration	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Care for Street Kids	
Address	100 Woodrow Place Figtree 2525	
Telephone: 02 4226 5770 0419 249 929	Fax: 02 4226 5770	
Email		
Web Address		
Contact Person	Borge Rasmussen	
Position	Chief executive officer	
Type of Service	Homeless children and youth	
Brief Statement of Activities	<p>Mission Statement: To improve the wellbeing and self-worth of alienated and excluded street children, through unconditional support whenever and wherever necessary, with the view to reconnecting them with the community.</p> <p>Operates a bus that visits various areas of Sydney to hand out food and blankets to the homeless and provides opportunities for mutual engagement. Assists access to mainstream support services</p> <p>Care for Street Kids Australia is an organization that has never turned any young person in need of help away.</p>	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers		
Types of Work	Manning the bus	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Volunteering Macarthur	
Address	351 Welling Drive Mt Annan	
Telephone: 02 4647 5241	Fax: 02 4648 5933	
Email	Volunteering.Macarthur@macforum.org.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Ven Andrews	
Position	Volunteer Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Volunteer service You must be local to the Macarthur region.	
Brief Statement of Activities	Volunteering Macarthur is a referral service that provides a link between those who are interested in volunteering and organizations who are looking for volunteers. We provide training to meet the needs of both volunteers and organisations	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Training will be provided with different groups. They will provide training for you before you can start to volunteer	
Types of Work	Children and families, older people, young people, people with disabilities, transport services, church groups, education, environmental groups, tourist information	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Volunteering Illawarra	
Address	Locked Bag 8821 wollongong 2500	
Telephone: 02 4225 7812	Fax: 02 4225 9620	
Email	volunteering@wollongong.nsw.gov.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Kerry Hunt	
Position	Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Volunteer Resource Centre	
Brief Statement of Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral for people seeking volunteer work • Recruitment service for organizations seeking volunteers • Training, support and information for volunteers and organizations • Information and training for management committee volunteers • Corporate volunteer program 	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	<p>Fortnightly information sessions for potential volunteers (2 hour duration)</p> <p>Free and substantial training course for volunteers promoted in the biannual Wollongong City Council Community Development and Training Program</p>	
Types of Work	Aged care, disability support work, tutoring, mentoring, youth work, environmental work, emergency services, community transport, management committees, retail food preparation, community events, exhibition/museum staff	
Police (or other) check required	Yes No	Cost:

Organisation	Volunteer Link	
Address	49a Treacy Street Hurstville 2220	
Telephone: 02 9580 9055	Fax: 02 9585 0227	
Email	vollink@stgcs.com.au	
Web Address	www.stgcs.com.au	
Contact Person	Liz Moore	
Position	Community Resources and Education Team Leader	
Type of Service	Volunteer recruitment, referral and training	
Brief Statement of Activities	Volunteer Link assists with volunteer recruitment and training for many different community, not-for-profit agencies across St George and Sutherland	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Varies, initial orientation is 1 hour for office volunteers but would depend on the type of role. Volunteer Link offers a full calendar of training courses throughout the year which can be accessed from our website	
Types of Work	We have hundreds of roles in all sectors in the St George and Sutherland Shire	
Police (or other) check required	Yes X No	Cost:

Organisation	Volunteering Shoalhaven	
Address	Cottage 2/80 Park Road East Nowra	
Telephone: 02 4422 0664	Fax: 02 4421 8239	
Email	volshoal@bigpond.net.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Jeff Clarke	
Position	Co-ordinator	
Type of Service	Volunteer Resource Centre	
Brief Statement of Activities	Volunteering Shoalhaven recruits and refers potential volunteers to "not for profit" community-based organizations in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area. Our main focus is referring Centrelink clients who have chosen the Volunteer for Work Initiative instead of looking for work. Also we refer to volunteer work anyone who is in receipt of income support from Centrelink.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Usually handled by the service provider that accepts the volunteer	
Types of Work	Varied. Discussed at interview, either in person or at times by phone	
Police (or other) check required	Yes and No, depends on the organisation	Cost: Usually paid by the provider

Organisation	ARAFMI Illawarra	
Address	1 Atchison Street Wollongong 2529	
Telephone: 02 4254 1699	Fax: 02 4254 1696	
Email	arafmi_i@bigpond.net.au	
Web Address		
Contact Person	Carol Clegg	
Position	Service Manager	
Type of Service	Support service for relatives and friends of people with a mental illness	
Brief Statement of Activities	ARAFMI provides telephone support, individual support, support groups with other carers, mental health education, training programs, advocacy, multi-family groups. We are also concerned with issues relating to mental health such as: quality of and access to treatment, supporting families at discharge, rehabilitation, housing, employment, financial security and reducing stigma.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	On the job training. Telephone counselling skills and referral information and office administration relating to a small NGO.	
Types of Work	ARAFMI often needs volunteers to man the telephone and office. This allows family support workers to attend to carers in the community.	
Police (or other) check required		Cost: Will discuss with ARAFMI committee

Organisation	Headway Illawarra Inc	
Address	4 Mercury Street Gwynneville 2500	
Telephone: 02 4226 4179	Fax: 02 4226 5920	
Email	reception@headway.org.au	
Web Address	www.headway.org.au	
Contact Person	John Roach	
Position	Manager	
Type of Service	Community support services to adult with acquired brain injury	
Brief Statement of Activities	We provide a range of educational, social, advocacy and other support services to adults with acquired brain injury (ABI). Some are group day programs and others are individual case management services.	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	No formal courses – appreciation of problems and constraints involved in serious disability desirable	
Types of Work	In field assistance with group social outings	
Police (or other) check required		Cost:

Organisation	House with no Steps	
Address	Admin: 85 Smith Street Wollongong 2500 Services: numerous sites throughout the Illawarra	
Telephone: 02 4227 0300 Mobile: 0412 546 541	Fax: 02 4227 1042	
Email	dguy@hwns.com.au	
Web Address	www.hwns.com.au	
Contact Person	David Guy	
Position	Business Support Manager	
Type of Service	Disability support Services	
Brief Statement of Activities	Providing Support to adults with disabilities, either in group homes or supported accommodation Provision of day programs for adults with disabilities	
Nature of any orientation/training for volunteers	Detailed induction provided	
Types of Work	Most likely in day programs or accommodation support	
Police (or other) check required	Yes	Cost: \$36.00